

Introduced by Senator Morrow

February 14, 2001

An act relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 241, as introduced, Morrow. Reading Competency Act of 2001 for Secondary School Pupils.

Existing law establishes various programs to promote reading competency by public school pupils. These programs include, among others, the Elementary School Intensive Reading Program to provide multiple, intensive reading opportunities for pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 4, inclusive, the Governor's Reading Award Program to provide monetary awards to schools, and the Public Involvement Reading Program to inform Californians that promoting reading in the public schools as a key to success in life is the responsibility of all Californians.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish the Reading Competency Act of 2001 for Secondary School Pupils to require the identification of secondary school pupils who read at a level two years or more below their grade level, provide them a program of intervention conducted by secondary school reading teachers who are trained in specific standards based instruction, and provide funding to train teachers to implement a reading program at the secondary school level.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish the
2 Reading Competency Act of 2001 for Secondary School Pupils to
3 accomplish all of the following:
- 4 (a) To require the identification of secondary school pupils who
5 read at a level two years or more below their grade level.
- 6 (b) To provide a program of intervention conducted by a
7 secondary school reading teacher who is trained in specific
8 standards based instruction approved by the State Board of
9 Education.
- 10 (c) To provide funding for purposes of training teachers to
11 implement a reading program at the secondary school level that
12 complies with guidelines adopted by State Board of Education

